

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL RULE §1.53(b)
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): A PLANT FOR PRODUCING A METAL BAND WITH PROTECTION

By (Inventors): Jean-Luc LEGOUPIL, Paris, France

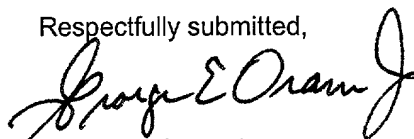
- ☒ 19 pages of Specification/Claims 1-23/Abstract are attached.
☒ Formal drawings (Fig(s). 1-3; 3 sheet(s)) is/are attached.
☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
☐ An assignment of the invention to _____ is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and _____ reference(s).
☐ This application is entitled to Small Entity Status.
☒ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, --
☒ Priority of foreign application No. 00 16030 filed December 8, 2000 in France is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary Amendment noted above:

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FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE				\$ 370	OR		\$ 740
TOTAL CLAIMS	73 - 20	= 53	x 9 =	\$	OR	x 18	\$ 954
INDEP CLAIMS	1 - 3	= 0	x 42 =	\$	OR	x 84	\$
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Respectfully submitted,



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